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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR LABOR LEADER TRAINING PROGRAM

REF: LISBON 0400 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY IS CERTAINLY SYMPATHETIC TO NEED EXPRESSED
REFTEL FOR OVERSEAS TRAINING OF MODERATE PORTUGUESE
LABOR LEADERS AND ALSO AGREES WITH SUGGESTION THAT
SWEDISH UNION MOVEMENT AMONG OTHERS IS GOOD CANDIDATE
FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE HAVE THOUGHT OVER MATTER CAREFULLY

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AND REACHED CONCLUSION THAT SUCH PROJECT WOULD HAVE

GREATER CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE IF UNDERTAKEN ON COOPERATIVE BASIS BY NORDIC UNIONS, PERHAPS UNDER AEGIS OF NORDIC TRADE UNION COUNCIL, ALTHOUGH IN LATTER CASE PARTICIPATION OR AGREEMENT BY FINNS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY POSE PROBLEMS.

2. REAL QUESTION IS HOW TO PLANT IDEA WITHOUT SINKING IT AT OUTSET BY CLEARLY REVEALING ITS AMERICAN INSPIRATION. IT SHOULD BE STATED AT THIS POINT THAT US FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROJECT WOULD NOT BE WELCOME TO SWEDES FOR WHOM NEUTRALITY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IS CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF FOREIGN POLICY. HOWEVER, MONEY IS NO PROBLEM FOR WEALTHY SWEDISH UNIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR AND LABATT HAVE LUNCHEON ENGAGEMENT ON FEBRUARY 10 WITH TCO PRESIDENT LENNART BODSTROM. THIS OCCASION MAY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING UP MATTER IN GENERAL WAY AND SEE WHAT REACTION IT RECEIVES.
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